# Semilattice decompositions of trioids 

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#### Abstract

We describe all semilattice congruences on an arbitrary trioid and define the least semilattice congruence on this trioid. We also show that every trioid is a semilattice of $s$-simple subtrioids.


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## 1 Introduction

Trioids were introduced by J.-L. Loday and M. O. Ronco [1] for the study of ternary planar trees. Trialgebras, which are based on the notion of a trioid, have been studied in different papers (see, for example, [1-3]). It is well known that the notion of a trioid generalizes the notion of a dimonoid [4,5]. Dimonoids play a prominent role in problems from the theory of Leibniz algebras. Trioids were studied in some papers of the author (see, for example, [6-8]). Note that if the operations of a trioid coincide then it becomes a semigroup. So, trioids are a generalization of semigroups.

In this work we describe semilattice decompositions of trioids. In Section 2 we give necessary definitions, auxiliary results (Proposition 1 and Lemma 1) and describe some connections between trioids and dimonoids (Lemma 2). Yamada [9] described all semilattice congruences on an arbitrary semigroup and proved that every semigroup is a semilattice of $s$-simple semigroups. These results were generalized to dimonoids in [10]. In Section 3 we extend results from [10] to the case of trioids (Theorems 1 and 2).

## 2 Preliminaries

A nonempty set $T$ equipped with three binary associative operations $\dashv, \vdash$ and $\perp$ satisfying the following axioms:

$$
\begin{align*}
& (x \dashv y) \dashv z=x \dashv(y \vdash z),  \tag{T1}\\
& (x \vdash y) \dashv z=x \vdash(y \dashv z),  \tag{T2}\\
& (x \dashv y) \vdash z=x \vdash(y \vdash z),  \tag{T3}\\
& (x \dashv y) \dashv z=x \dashv(y \perp z), \tag{T4}
\end{align*}
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\begin{gather*}
(x \perp y) \dashv z=x \perp(y \dashv z),  \tag{T5}\\
(x \dashv y) \perp z=x \perp(y \vdash z),  \tag{T6}\\
(x \vdash y) \perp z=x \vdash(y \perp z),  \tag{T7}\\
(x \perp y) \vdash z=x \vdash(y \vdash z) \tag{T8}
\end{gather*}
$$

for all $x, y, z \in T$, is called a trioid. If the operations of a trioid coincide, then the trioid becomes a semigroup.

Recall that a nonempty set $T$ equipped with two binary associative operations $\dashv$ and $\vdash$ satisfying the axioms $(T 1)-(T 3)$ is called a dimonoid (see, for example, $[4,5])$.

Let $(T, \perp)$ be an arbitrary semigroup. Define operations $\dashv$ and $\vdash$ on $T$ by

$$
x \dashv y=x, \quad x \vdash y=y
$$

for all $x, y \in T$.
Proposition 1. ([8], Proposition 10). $(T, \dashv \vdash, \vdash, \perp)$ is a trioid.
The trioid $(T, \dashv, \vdash, \perp)$ will be denoted by $T_{l r}^{\perp}$.
Other examples of trioids can be found in [1, 6-8].
A commutative idempotent semigroup is called a semilattice.
Lemma 1. ([7], Lemma 1). The operations of a trioid $(T, \dashv, \vdash, \perp)$ coincide if $(T, \dashv)$ is a semilattice.

Let $X=\{1,2,3\}$. For every pair $(x, y) \in X \times X$ let $T^{(x, y)}=\left(T, *_{x}, *_{y}\right)$ be an ordered triple, where $T$ is a nonempty set and $*_{x}, *_{y}$ are binary operations on $T$. Let

$$
B=\{(1,1),(2,2),(3,3),(1,2)\} \subset X \times X
$$

The following lemma describes connections between trioids and dimonoids.
Lemma 2. For any trioid $\left(T, *_{1}, *_{2}, *_{3}\right)$ the algebra $T^{(x, y)},(x, y) \in X \times X$, is a dimonoid if $(x, y) \in B$. There exists some trioid $\left(T, *_{1}, *_{2}, *_{3}\right)$ for which the algebra $T^{(x, y)},(x, y) \in X^{2} \backslash B$, is not a dimonoid.

Proof. Let $\left(T, *_{1}, *_{2}, *_{3}\right)$ be a trioid. It is easy to see that the algebras $T^{(1,1)}, T^{(2,2)}$, $T^{(3,3)}$ and $T^{(1,2)}$ are dimonoids.

Now we shall prove the second part of the lemma.
Let $F[A]$ be the free semigroup on a set $A$ and $F[A]_{l r}^{\perp}$ be a triod (see Proposition 1) such that $\perp$ is the concatenation on $F[A]$. Assume $\left(T, *_{1}, *_{2}, *_{3}\right)=F[A]_{l r}^{\perp}$ and show that for any $(x, y) \in X^{2} \backslash B$ the algebra $T^{(x, y)}$ is not a dimonoid.

Let $w, u, \omega \in T^{(x, y)}$.
For $T^{(1,3)}$ check the axiom ( $T 3$ ):

$$
\left(w *_{1} u\right) *_{3} \omega=w *_{3} \omega=w \omega \neq w u \omega=w *_{3}\left(u *_{3} \omega\right) .
$$

As the axiom ( $T 3$ ) does not hold, then $T^{(1,3)}$ is not a dimonoid.
For $T^{(2,1)}, T^{(2,3)}, T^{(3,1)}$ and $T^{(3,2)}$ check the axiom ( $T 1$ ).
For $T^{(2,1)}$ we have

$$
\left(w *_{2} u\right) *_{2} \omega=\omega \neq u=w *_{2} u=w *_{2}\left(u *_{1} \omega\right) .
$$

For $T^{(2,3)}$ :

$$
\left(w *_{2} u\right) *_{2} \omega=\omega \neq u \omega=w *_{2}\left(u *_{3} \omega\right) .
$$

For $T^{(3,1)}$ :

$$
\left(w *_{3} u\right) *_{3} \omega=w u \omega \neq w u=w *_{3}\left(u *_{1} \omega\right) .
$$

For $T^{(3,2)}$ :

$$
\left(w *_{3} u\right) *_{3} \omega=w u \omega \neq w \omega=w *_{3}\left(u *_{2} \omega\right) .
$$

The axiom ( $T 1$ ) does not hold for all fourth cases, so $T^{(2,1)}, T^{(2,3)}, T^{(3,1)}$ and $T^{(3,2)}$ are not dimonoids.

The notion of a triband of subtrioids was introduced and investigated in [7]. Recall this definition.

A trioid $(T, \dashv, \vdash, \perp)$ is called an idempotent trioid or a triband if $x \dashv x=$ $x \vdash x=x \perp x=x$ for all $x \in T$. If $\varphi: S \rightarrow M$ is a homomorphism of trioids, then the corresponding congruence on $S$ will be denoted by $\Delta_{\varphi}$.

Let $S$ be an arbitrary trioid, $J$ be some idempotent trioid and

$$
\alpha: S \rightarrow J: x \mapsto x \alpha
$$

be a homomorphism. Then every class of the congruence $\Delta_{\alpha}$ is a subtrioid of the trioid $S$, and the trioid $S$ itself is a union of such trioids $S_{\xi}, \xi \in J$ that

$$
\begin{gathered}
x \alpha=\xi \Leftrightarrow x \in S_{\xi}=\Delta_{\alpha}^{x}=\left\{t \in S \mid(x, t) \in \Delta_{\alpha}\right\}, \\
S_{\xi} \dashv S_{\varepsilon} \subseteq S_{\xi \dashv \varepsilon}, \quad S_{\xi} \vdash S_{\varepsilon} \subseteq S_{\xi \vdash \varepsilon}, \quad S_{\xi} \perp S_{\varepsilon} \subseteq S_{\xi \perp \varepsilon}, \\
\xi \neq \varepsilon \Rightarrow S_{\xi} \bigcap S_{\varepsilon}=\varnothing .
\end{gathered}
$$

In this case we say that $S$ is decomposable into a triband of subtrioids (or $S$ is a triband $J$ of subtrioids $S_{\xi}, \xi \in J$ ). If $J$ is a band (=idempotent semigroup), then we say that $S$ is a band $J$ of subtrioids $S_{\xi}, \xi \in J$. If $J$ is a commutative band, then we say that $S$ is a semilattice $J$ of subtrioids $S_{\xi}, \xi \in J$.

Observe that the notion of a triband of subtrioids generalizes the notion of a diband of subdimonoids [5] and the notion of a band of semigroups [11].

Examples of trioids which are decomposed into a triband of subtrioids can be found in [7].

## 3 Main results

In this section we describe all semilattice congruences on an arbitrary trioid and define the least semilattice congruence on this trioid. We also show that every trioid is a semilattice of $s$-simple subtrioids.

Let $(T, \dashv, \vdash, \perp)$ be an arbitrary dimonoid. Yamada introduced the notion of a $P$-subsemigroup of an arbitrary semigroup (see [9]). We denote by $\Omega$ the collection of all $P$-subsemigroups of $(T, \dashv)$ and by $T_{\alpha}, T_{\beta}, \ldots$ the elements of $\Omega$.

If $\rho$ is a congruence on a trioid $(T, \dashv, \vdash, \perp)$ such that the operations of $(T, \dashv, \vdash, \perp) / \rho$ coincide and it is a semilattice, then we say that $\rho$ is a semilattice congruence.

For every subset $\Gamma$ of $\Omega$ define a relation $\Gamma_{\dashv}$ on $(T, \dashv, \vdash, \perp)$ by

$$
\begin{gathered}
a \Gamma_{\dashv} b \text { if and only if } \\
\left\{(x, y) \mid x \dashv a \dashv y \in T_{\alpha}\right\}=\left\{(x, y) \mid x \dashv b \dashv y \in T_{\alpha}\right\}
\end{gathered}
$$

for every $T_{\alpha} \in \Gamma$.
Theorem 1. The relation $\Gamma_{\dashv}$ on any trioid $(T, \dashv, \vdash, \perp)$ is a semilattice congruence. Conversely, any semilattice congruence on $(T, \dashv, \vdash, \perp)$ can be obtained by this way.

Proof. The fact that the relation $\Gamma_{\dashv}$ is a semilattice congruence on a dimonoid $(T, \dashv, \vdash)$ has been proved in [10]. Show that $\Gamma_{\dashv}$ is compatible concerning the operation $\perp$.

Let $a \Gamma_{\dashv} b, a, b, c \in T$. As $a \dashv c \Gamma \dashv b \dashv c$, then

$$
\left\{(x, y) \mid x \dashv(a \dashv c) \dashv y \in T_{\alpha}\right\}=\left\{(x, y) \mid x \dashv(b \dashv c) \dashv y \in T_{\alpha}\right\}
$$

for every $T_{\alpha} \in \Gamma$. By the associativity of the operation $\dashv$ and the axiom (T4) of a trioid we obtain

$$
\begin{aligned}
& x \dashv(a \dashv c) \dashv y=((x \dashv a) \dashv c) \dashv y= \\
& =(x \dashv(a \perp c)) \dashv y=x \dashv(a \perp c) \dashv y, \\
& x \dashv(b \dashv c) \dashv y=((x \dashv b) \dashv c) \dashv y= \\
& =(x \dashv(b \perp c)) \dashv y=x \dashv(b \perp c) \dashv y .
\end{aligned}
$$

So, $a \perp c \Gamma_{\dashv} b \perp c$. Analogously, we can prove that $c \perp a \Gamma_{\dashv} c \perp b$. Thus, $\Gamma_{\dashv}$ is a congruence on $(T, \dashv, \vdash, \perp)$.

As $(T, \dashv) / \Gamma_{\dashv}$ is a semilattice, then by Lemma 1 the operations of $(T, \dashv, \vdash, \perp) / \Gamma_{\dashv}$ coincide and so, it is a semilattice.

The converse statement follows from [9] (see also [10]).
Theorem 1 generalizes Yamada's theorem [9] about the structure of all semilattice congruences on an arbitrary semigroup and the description [10] of all semilattice congruences on an arbitrary dimonoid.

A trioid $(T, \dashv, \vdash, \perp)$ will be called $s$-simple if its least semilattice congruence coincides with the universal relation on $T$.

Theorem 2. The relation $\Omega_{\dashv}$ on any trioid $(T, \dashv, \vdash, \perp)$ is the least semilattice congruence. Every trioid $(T, \dashv, \vdash, \perp)$ is a semilattice of $s$-simple subtrioids.

Proof. By Theorem $1 \Omega_{\dashv}$ is a semilattice congruence. If $a \Omega_{\dashv} b, a, b \in T$, then it is easy to see that $a \Gamma_{\dashv} b$ for any $\Gamma \subseteq \Omega$. So, $\Omega_{\dashv} \subseteq \Gamma_{\dashv}$.

Now we shall prove the second statement of the theorem.
Since $\Omega_{\dashv}$ is a congruence on $(T, \dashv, \vdash, \perp)$ and $(T, \dashv, \vdash, \perp) / \Omega_{\dashv}$ is a semilattice, then

$$
(T, \dashv, \vdash, \perp) \rightarrow(T, \dashv, \vdash, \perp) / \Omega_{\dashv}: x \mapsto[x]
$$

is a homomorphism ( $[x]$ is a class of the congruence $\Omega_{\dashv}$ which contains $x$ ). From [10] it follows that every class $A$ of the congruence $\Omega_{\dashv}$ is an $s$-simple dimonoid concerning operations $\dashv$ and $\vdash$. Hence we obtain $s$-simplicity of the subtrioid $A$ of a trioid $(T, \dashv, \vdash, \perp)$.

Theorem 2 generalizes Yamada's theorem [9] about the structure of the least semilattice congruence on an arbitrary semigroup and the description [10] of the least semilattice congruence on an arbitrary dimonoid.

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